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EO 12065: RDS 8/23/04 (CANNEY, PAUL F) ON-M
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, SW, UR, JS
SUBJECT: ULLSTEN LETTER TO KOSYGIN DEMANDING INFORMATION ON WALLENB-
BERG FATE; FORMATION OF SWEDISH WALLENBORG COMMITTEE

REF: STOCKHOLM 3484

1. (S- ENTIRE TEXT)

2. DCM HAS ASKED TO CALL ON MFA SOVIET AFFAIRS OFFICER
SVEN HIRDMAN LATE AUGUST 22 TO DISCUSS WALLENBORG CASE.
HIRDMAN SAID PM ULLSTEN HAD WRITTEN "STRONG" LETTER TO
SOVIET PM KOSYGIN INSISTING THAT MOSCOW URGENTLY CARRY
OUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO WALLENBORG'S FATE. LETTER
WAS HANDED TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR JAKOVLEV WHO HAD BEEN
CALLED TO THE PM'S OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE.

3. ULLSTEN LETTER, STAMPED "SECRET" WILL NOT BE MADE
PUBLIC. ACCORDING TO HIRDMAN, IF ULLSTEN HAS NOT RECEIVED
MOSCOW'S RESPONSE IN TWO WEEKS, "AND IF A SWEDISH JOURNALIST

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SHOULD ASK ULLSTEN AT THAT TIME WHAT WAS NEW IN THE
WALLENBERG CASE, "THE PM WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DESCRIBE
LETTER TO KOSYGIN. HIRDMAN PROVIDED DCM IN CONFIDENCE WITH
COPY OF ULLSTEN LETTER. TEXT OF LETTER IN EMBASSY TRANSLATION
FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER PRESIDENT,
THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE AN
EXAMPLE OF MULTI-FACETED AND ACTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN
NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, AS PRESIDENT LEONID
I. BREZHNEV ALSO STATES IN THE PREFACE TO THE SWEDISH EDITION
OF HIS BIOGRAPHY. THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY EXTENSIVE. LAST YEAR,
THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN PAYED A HIGHLY VALUED
VISIT TO VARIOUS PARTS OF YOUR COUNTRY. EXCHANGES AT THE
CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL TAKE PLACE ON A REGULAR BASIS,
AND IN THIS REGARD I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF THE INVITA-
TION TO YOU TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN AT A SUITABLE
TIME. OUR ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
RELATIONSHIPS ARE ALSO DEVELOPING FAVORABLY. THE SWEDISH
GOVERNMENT PLACES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE ON THE POSSIBILITIES
OF FURTHER DEEPENING AND EXTENDING THIS COOPERATION, FOR THE
BENEFIT OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.
HOWEVER, ESTEEMED MR. MINISTER PRESIDENT, THERE IS AN
UNRESOLVED QUESTION THAT CONSTITUTES A DISTURBING ELEMENT
IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION. I
MEAN SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHO DISAPPEARED IN
BUDAPEST AT THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND WAS TAKEN
TO THE SOVIET UNION. A CLARIFICATION OF HIS FATE, WHICH
TO SUCH A GREAT DEGREE ENGAGES BOTH SWEDISH AND INTERNATIONAL
OPINION, WOULD PROMOTE THE FUTURE HARMONIC DEVELOPMENT OF
OUR RELATIONS IN AN EXTRAORDINARILY BENEFICIAL WAY. IT IS
FOR THIS REASON THAT I TURN TO YOU PERSONALLY TO REQUEST
YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING RAOUL WALLENBERG'S FATE.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS EXPLAINED THAT WALLENBERG, IF HE
WERE IN THE SOVIET UNION, NATURALLY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO
TRAVEL HOME. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS
REFERRED TO "A DOCUMENT HAVING BEEN FOUND THAT THERE IS
REASON TO REGARD AS REFERRING TO RAOUL WALLENBERG" AND

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EXPLAINED THAT "THE CONCLUSION SHOULD BE DRAWN" THAT
WALLENBERG DIED IN JULY, 1947.

ON JANUARY 3, 1979, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT INFORMED THE
SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT INFORMATION HAD COME TO ITS ATTENTION
IMPUTING THAT WALLENBERG WAS ALIVE IN 1975, WHEN HE IS
SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL IN BUTYRKA.
IN A MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE SWEDISH FOREIGN
MINISTRY ON JANUARY 24, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT REFERRED TO
ITS PRIOR ANSWER THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN JULY, 1947, AND
STATED THAT "ALLEGATIONS THAT R. WALLENBERG IS SUPPOSED
TO HAVE BEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION AS LATE AS 1975 DO NOT
AGREE WITH REALITY."

THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT'S REPORT
ON JANUARY 3 WAS BASED INTER ALIA ON INFORMATION EMANATING
FROM A SOVIET CITIZEN NAMED JAN KAPLAN. DURING THE TIME
THAT HAS PASSED SINCE OUR REPORT WAS PRESENTED, ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION HAS REACHED US OF A SWEDISH CITIZEN LIVING IN
A SOVIET PRISON IN THE 1970'S.

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES
HAVING UNDERTAKEN NEW INVESTIGATIONS BECAUSE OF OUR REPORT
ON JANUARY 3. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT MUST PLACE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE ON
THE RENewed INFORMATION THAT WALLENBERG WAS IN A PRISON
HOSPITAL IN MOSCOW IN THE 1970'S. THEREFORE, I MUST URGENTLY
REQUEST THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES CONDUCT A FURTHER INVESTI-
GATION OF THIS INFORMATION. I WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL IF A
REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW MIGHT JOIN IN CON-
VERSATION WITH MR. KAPLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING
THE INQUIRY AND PREVENTING THE POSSIBILITY OF MISTAKING THE
PERSONS. VERY TRULY YOURS, OLA ULLSTEN END TEXT.

4. HIRSHMAN SAID HE WISHED TO DESCRIBE THE "ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION" REFERRED TO IN THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF
THE ULLSTEN LETTER. SOURCE IS SOVIET JEW EMIGRE NOW
RESIDING IN ISRAEL WHO IS AN ACQUAINTANCE OF KALINSKI.
SOURCE HAS DESCRIBED TO SWEDES A DINNER TO WHICH HE WAS
INVITED IN MOSCOW LAST YEAR. SOURCE'S SON AND MOST'S SON
WERE CLASSMATES AND GOOD FRIENDS. THE MOST IS A COLONEL

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IN THE KGB. DURING THE CONVERSATION, MOST COMMENTED THAT HE KNEW OF MANY PRISONERS WHO HAD MANAGED TO SURVIVE IN SOVIET PRISONS FOR THIRTY YEARS OR MORE AND, FOR INSTANCE, KNEW OF ONE SWEDEN WHO HAS BEEN IN SOVIET PRISONS FOR SUCH A PERIOD. THIS INFORMATION, COMBINED WITH THE SIGHTINGS OF WALLEMBERG ALLEGED BY JAN KAPLAN, WERE KEY FACTORS IN THE DECISION TO MAKE CONTACT WITH KOSYGIN, ACCORDING TO HIRDMAN.

5. HIRDMAN EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS OF ULLSTEN CT, NOTING THAT LAST SUCH LETTER BETWEEN PM'S ON WALLEMBERG WAS THAT FROM ERLANDER TO KOSYGIN DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1965 (KOSYGIN NEVER RESPONDED). SWEDEN, HE SAID, DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT SOVIETS HAVE TOLD THE TRUTH. GOS DOES NOT BELIEVE WALLEMBERG DIED IN 1947. NO ONE, EXCEPT SOVIETS, KNOWS HOW MUCH LONGER WALLEMBERG MAY HAVE LIVED OR WHETHER HE LIVES NOW. BECAUSE HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE AND UNTIL THERE IS "FULL CLARITY" FROM THE SOVIET SIDE, GOS WILL PURSUE CASE WITH DETERMINATION. HIRDMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EXTENSIVE US COOPERATION IN THE PAST WHICH HE HOPED WOULD CONTINUE.

6. HIRDMAN SAID COPY OF ULLSTEN LETTER HAD BEEN GIVEN TO WALLEMBERG'S HALF-SISTER, NINA LAGERGREY, WHO HAS AGREED TO REMAIN SILENT ABOUT IT. HIRDMAN SAID MRS. ANNETTE LANTOS OF THE US COMMITTEE FOR WALLEMBERG AND MRS. LAGERGREY WOULD CALL ON MFA SEC GEN LEIFLAND ON AUGUST 29. ON SEPTEMBER 3, LANTOS AND LAGERGREY AND 35 "BIG NAMES" WILL OFFICIALLY ESTABLISH SWEDISH COMMITTEE FOR WALLEMBERG IN A CEREMONY IN FRONT OF SWEDISH PARLIAMENT, THUS ENSURING, ACCORDING TO HIRDMAN, CONTINUED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY FOR THIS NOW INTERNATIONAL EFFORT.

7. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, HIRDMAN CONFIDED THAT HIS PERSONAL OPINION WAS THAT SOVIETS MAY NEVER RESPOND TO ULLSTEN LETTER AND WOULD NOT QUESTION KAPLAN. FURTHER, SHOULD KAPLAN BE QUESTIONED, NO SWEDISH EMBASSY OFFICER WOULD BE PERMITTED TO BE PRESENT. HIRDMAN THOUGHT IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT KAPLAN WOULD NEVER BE RELEASED FROM PRISON. HE SAID FURTHER THAT HE WOULD NOT ARGUE WITH OBSERVATION THAT SOVIETS, IN ALL PROBABILITY, WOULD MURDER WALLEMBERG, IF, BY SOME MIRACLE, HE IS STILL ALIVE, RATHER THAN ALLOWING HIM TO SURFACE AND THEREBY DESTROY COMPLETELY SOVIET CREDIBILITY IN THIS

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